

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attny. Philip Woo on 10/15/08.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claim 15 directed to a non-elected invention without traverse. Accordingly, claim 15 has been cancelled.

Cancel withdrawn claim 15.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claim 15 directed to a non-elected invention without traverse. Accordingly, claim 15 has been cancelled by Examiner's Amendment.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see sheet 4, filed 9/26/08, with respect to amended claim 2 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 2 and 3 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-3 and 22 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 2-3 are allowed for the reasons stated in the Response to Arguments section above. Claim 22 is allowed for the same reasons since the claim substantially delineates the same invention as in claim 2 by using the claim language of a process.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dinh (US 6,879,138) and Markowski (US 6,696,882) disclose voltage converters.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HARRY BEHM whose telephone number is (571)272-8929. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 3:00 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Akm E. Ullah can be reached on (571) 272-2361. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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